

# Stream Maintenance

*It's Our Home, Our Responsibility!*

## The Clean Stream Program

**Get involved NOW and be a part of the solution**

**Your neighbors will appreciate your kokua**

It's everyone's responsibility, and stream owners have the responsibility to ensure that streams are free from all debris that could prevent a clear waterway.

Clean streams can prevent severe damage from flooding that is caused when debris flows downstream and forms a clog in narrow parts of the stream or under a bridge.

Homeowners can be held financially liable if improper stream management on their property causes flooding upstream or downstream that damages their neighbors' property.

For more information on the Clean Stream Program, or to report a potential flood problem, contact the Department of Facility Maintenance at **768-7890** or visit [www.honolulu.gov/cleanstream.htm](http://www.honolulu.gov/cleanstream.htm).

### It's the Law to Maintain Your Streams

#### Responsibility Sec. 41-26.3

The owner of the stream has the duty to maintain, dredge and clear such stream so that the natural flow of water runs unimpaired.

#### Right of Entry and Inspection Sec. 41-26.4

Authorized City employees may enter the property to ensure the stream is maintained as required.

#### City Authorized to Clear and Maintain Sec. 41-26.6

Upon failure, neglect or refusal of the owner, the City is authorized to maintain and clear the stream.

#### Charge to Owner Sec. 41-26.7

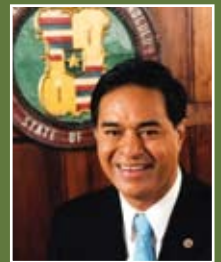
When City has performed the maintenance and clearing of a stream, the owner shall be billed therefore by mail. Failure to pay the bill will result in a lien.

#### Civil Fine Sec. 41-26.11

Persons violating the provisions of the Stream Maintenance ordinance shall have committed a civil violation and shall be liable for a civil fine not to exceed \$500.00 per day.

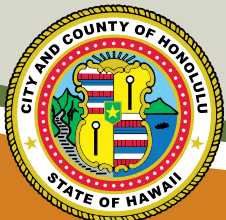
### Helpful Tips to Get You Started

- Check your property deed to determine if you are a stream owner. Misplaced your deed? A copy of your deed can be obtained from the State DLNR Bureau of Conveyances located at 1151 Punchbowl St., Room 123.
- Collect trash from the stream and stream bank area. Dispose of the trash with your refuse.
- Haul out large debris and bulky items such as shopping carts, tires, bikes, etc., from the stream and stream bank area.
- Cut branches and vegetation that impede stream flow. Remove fallen trees, sticks and leaves from the stream and stream bank area.
- Remove blockages and sediment build-up that impede stream flow.



*"The City and County of Honolulu Clean Stream Program ensures stream owners are properly educated on how to maintain their streams to prevent flooding during Hawaii's rainy season. This is our home, our island, and it's everyone's responsibility to care for its health and beauty."*

Mufi Hannemann, Mayor  
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*For more information*  
**Department of Facility Maintenance**

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